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PARK RESERVATIONS POLICY

To reserve a City Park or Sports Field, request and complete a reservation form at least 10 days prior to the event. A \$17 processing fee will be charged. A list of parks and the reservation form are available at the Community and Cultural Center or on-line at the City's website at www.morganhill.ca.gov. If you want to reserve a park and you have 50 or more people expected, have entertainment, alcohol, food sales or are charging an entry fee, a special events form will need to be completed no later than 60 days before the date of the event and a \$125 processing fee will be charged for all special events. For more information, please call the Community and Cultural Center at (408) 782-0008.



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City Allocates Funding To Non-profits For Services

Using a combination of Federal, City and Redevelopment Agency funds, the City of Morgan Hill has allocated \$240,240 to non-profit agencies providing a variety of social services to Morgan Hill residents. The funding sources are U.S. Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), Redevelopment Agency 20% Housing Set-Aside funds (Agency), and City Housing Mitigation Fees (HMF).

The majority of funding, \$166,440, was provided by CDBG funds. About \$49,854 of those funds can be used to fund public service activities such as emergency shelter and youth services.

To qualify for a CDBG grant, a non-profit agency must offer a service which benefits low and very-low income persons, helps eliminate slums or blight, and meets an urgent community need such as the threat to a community's health or welfare for which no other funds are available.

The following are the projects and programs funded for FY2005-2006:

The **Ombudsman Program** was allocated \$4,500 in CDBG funds for provision of advocacy and investigation services for residents of nursing homes and residential care facilities located in Morgan Hill. As mediators and patient representatives, the Ombudsmen investigate and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of elderly residents of long-term care facilities. For additional information, call (408) 944-0567.

The **Shared Housing Program** at Depot Commons was allocated \$15,000 in Agency funds for the provision of support services such as case management, on-site day care, individual care plan goals, career and personal counseling, life skills education, etc. to the residents at Depot Commons. For additional information, call (408) 325-5211.

The **Day Break Respite and Caregiver Support Program** was allocated \$8,600 in CDBG funds for providing a continuum of care for at-risk dependent seniors and their family caregivers. The services include in-home respite, and adult day support program, escorted transportation, case management, information and referral services, caregiver support groups, community health education, health screenings, home chore assistance, and clinical support services. For additional information, contact (408) 270-4900.

The **El Toro Youth Center/Friday Night Jams Program** was allocated \$15,500 in CDBG funds for the provisions of tutoring, leadership-building skills, participatory recreation, and health, mental health and substance abuse education for school-aged children. Friday Night Jams provides "at-risk" youth a positive alternative to gangs, drugs, alcohol, frustration and simple boredom. The services also incorporate a variety of "survival" skills training, such as social skills development, leadership development, and personal skills development through a series of speakers and workshops. For additional information, call (408) 779-6002.

The **La Isla Pacific Shelter** for battered women and their children was allocated \$16,000 in Agency funds for providing a 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling and support, legal advocacy and emergency assistance to women and children of domestic violence. For additional information, call transitional housing at (408) 846-4763.

The **Shelter and Services Program** was allocated \$15,000 in HMF funds for the provision of shelter and supportive services to homeless residents of Morgan Hill to enable them to progress from homelessness to stable housing and self-sufficiency. For additional information, call (408) 539-2131.

The **Adult Day Care Program** was allocated \$4,189 in CDBG funds. This Program provides a specialized program of age-appropriate activities and care designed to serve the needs of the frail elderly and disabled senior adult population and to effectively prevent or delay their placement in a full-care facility. The companion goal of this program is to provide respite and support to the care givers of the program's clients which will enable them to continue in their difficult role of sustaining their dependent senior relatives. For additional information, call (408) 847-5491.

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The **Tenant-Landlord Dispute Resolution Program** was allocated \$25,000 in Agency funds. This Program provides landlord-tenant information, referral, counseling, education, dispute resolution services and mortgage default delinquency counseling to residents of Morgan Hill. For additional information, call (408) 842-7740.

The **Operation Brown Bag Program** was allocated \$4,165 in CDBG funds for the provision of weekly bags of food, workshops and activities in nutrition and health, consumer education and preservation to low-income seniors, age 60 or over. The Food Bank also distributes surplus and non-marketable food to nonprofit agencies that provide meals or food boxes to low-income families and individuals in Morgan Hill. For additional information, call (408) 266-8866.

The **Aquatics Youth Center Outreach Program** was allocated \$7,500 in CDBG funds for the provision of public transportation costs and scholarships to income-eligible youth for City-wide recreational and educational programs/services. For additional information, call (408) 782-2134.

The **South County Day Worker Service Center Program** was allocated \$5,000 in CDBG funds for the provisions of employment-related services such as job readiness, job search and placement, job retention, English as a Second Language classes and information referrals to other social service program to day laborers working in the agricultural, landscaping and construction business. For additional information, call (408) 782-1971.


The **Sobrato Transitional Center** was allocated \$50,000 in CDBG funds for the construction of a 140-bed shelter/transitional center which will provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and comprehensive support services for homeless single adults and families in Morgan Hill. Sobrato will be located in Gilroy at 9345 Monterey Road. For additional information, call (408) 539-2117.

The City of Morgan Hill allocated \$55,000 in CDBG funds for the **Galvan Park Improvements Project** which will remove and replace the existing baseball backstop and bathrooms. In addition, the City has allocated \$14,810 in CDBG funds for General Administration, which is used for the administration and monitoring of the CDBG Program.

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**Cool Kids Summer
Day Camp**

Class information on back cover.

A full listing of all recreational classes for this summer
is available in the May - August 2005 edition of
City Connection. Class info is also available online at
www.morganhill.ca.gov.

WATER QUALITY

CITY OF MORGAN HILL • CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Water Sampling and Testing

The annual water sampling required by the State Department of Health Services consists of Bacteria (520 samples), Nitrate (780 samples), Turbidity (52 samples), Trihalomethenes (64 samples), and (HAA5) Halocetic Acids (64 samples), for a total of 1,480 samples from the 40 separate sample stations and source facilities located throughout the City's water distribution system.

Monthly bacteria samples are also taken at the 14 water wells from which the community gets its water supply.

Other Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at-risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Security of Your Water System

While Morgan Hill does not have open-air water facilities - and is therefore less vulnerable to certain threats - we have, nonetheless, taken steps to ensure additional security measures by installing secondary remote alarm systems.

Our Goal

Meet or Exceed Federal and State Regulations

The City of Morgan Hill is committed to providing the community a safe, reliable supply of excellent quality drinking water that meets or exceeds Federal and State regulations.

This report gives information about the quality of water provided in 2004. It describes where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

This report contains some limited information regarding testing for perchlorate levels in the City's water wells. More detailed information on perchlorate testing will be reported via press releases, on Morgan Hill's cable television bulletin board (Channel 17), and in regular updates provided by several public agencies. Other information can be found at www.valleywater.org and the Santa Clara Valley Water District "Perchlorate Hotline" at 1-888-439-6624).

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Traduzcalo, o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

This report contains important information about your community's water quality. If necessary, please have it translated, or speak with a friend who understands it well.

Water Quality Data

The table in this report lists all the drinking water contaminants detected during the 2004 calendar year.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the California Department of Health Services (DHS) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Morgan Hill's water is treated in accordance with the Department's regulations.

The Department's Food and Drug Branch regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for the public water supply. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done over the period January 1-December 31, 2004. The State allows the City to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Thus, some of the data - though representative of the water quality - is more than a year old.

TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE DATA TABLES

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to PHGs or MCLGs as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

n/a:	not applicable
ns:	no standard
nd:	not detectable at testing limit
cu:	Color Unit (a measure of color in water)
ppb:	parts per billion or micrograms per liter
ug/L:	micrograms per liter
ppm:	parts per million or milligrams per liter
mg/L:	milligrams per liter
pCi/l:	picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)
MFL:	Million Fibers per Liter, with a fiber length greater than 10 micrometers
grains per gallon:	the measure of the concentration of a solution
TON:	Threshold Odor Number (a measure of the odor associated with water)
umhos/cm:	the measure of the dissolved inorganic salt content

Contaminants that may be present in source water before we treat it.

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban runoff & septic systems.

SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA					
Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA	3 in month of July (6.2%)	1*	MCL violation if more than 5% of monthly samples are positive	(0)	Naturally present in the environment

*On August 10, 2004, the City of Morgan Hill published a notice in the Morgan Hill Times that the City failed to meet the Total Coliform bacteriological standard for July 2004. This violation occurred as a result of 3 routine samples collected by the City that were found to be total coliform positive and 1 of the 3 was also E. coli positive. As a result of these positive samples, the City exceeded the maximum percentage of positive samples allowed for the month. Upon notification of the positive results, the City immediately investigated for potential sources of contamination and flushed the distribution system of the affected area. No potential source of contamination was found. In addition, 9 repeat samples were collected from the same area and all 9 samples were found to be absent of total coliform. It is uncertain as to the actual cause of the initial positive samples, but all subsequent testing in the same area was total coliform negative. As a comparison, in 2004 the City collected a total of 520 routine bacteriological samples from the distribution system and the 3 mentioned above were the only positive samples for the year.

PARAMETER	DATE TESTED	UNITS	MCL	PHG (MCLG) (MMDLG)	GROUNDWATER RANGE OF DETECTION			TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT	EXCEEDED MCL?
LOV HIGH AVG.									
PRIMARY STANDARDS - MANDATED HEALTH RELATED STANDARDS									
CLARITY									
TURBIDITY	2004	NTU	5	N/A	ND	1.1	0.15	SOIL RUNOFF	NO
DISINFECTANTS/DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS RULE									
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES	QUARTERLY 2004	ppb	80	N/A	ND	8.6	1.9	BY-PRODUCT OF DRINKING WATER CHLORINATION	NO
HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	QUARTERLY 2004	ppb	60	N/A	ND	2.6	0.4	BY-PRODUCT OF DRINKING WATER DISINFECTION	NO
CHLORINE RESIDUAL	QUARTERLY 2004	ppm	4.0	[4.0]	0.23	6.32	0.27	DRINKING WATER DISINFECTANT ADDED FOR TREATMENT	NO
INORGANIC CHEMICALS									
ASBESTOS	2004	MFL	7	(7)	ND	0.32	0.02	INTERNAL CORROSION OF ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER MAINS; EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
BARIUM	2004	ppm	1	(2)	ND	0.14	0.04	DISCHARGES OF OIL DRILLING WASTES AND FROM METAL REFINERIES; EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
FLUORIDE	2004	ppm	2	1	0.04	0.26	0.16	EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS; WATER ADDITIVE THAT PROMOTES STRONG TEETH; DISCHARGE FROM FERTILIZER AND ALUMINUM FACTORIES	NO
NITRATE (as NO3)	2004	mg/L	45	45	11	37	21	RUNOFF AND LEACHING FROM FERTILIZER USE; LEACHING FROM SEPTIC TANKS AND SEWAGE; EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS									
GROSS ALPHA ACTIVITY	QUARTERLY 2001	pCi/l	15	N/A	ND	2.75	0.34	EROSION OF NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
SECONDARY STANDARDS - AESTHETIC STANDARDS									
CHLORIDE	2004	mg/L	500	N/A	29	73	51	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS; SEAWATER INFLUENCE	NO
SULFATE	2004	mg/L	500	N/A	27	46	38	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS; INDUSTRIAL WASTES	NO
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	2004	mg/L	1000	N/A	272	408	338	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS	NO
IRON	2004	ug/L	300	N/A	ND	182	5.4	LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS; INDUSTRIAL WASTES	NO
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (1)	2004	umho/cm	1,600	N/A	530	663	597	SUBSTANCES THAT FORM IONS WHEN IN WATER; SEA WATER INFLUENCES	NO
COLOR	2004	CU	15	N/A	ND	5	0.52	NATURALLY-OCCURRING ORGANIC MATERIALS	NO
ODOR THRESHOLD	2004	TON	3	N/A	ND	1	0.21	NATURALLY-OCCURRING ORGANIC MATERIALS	NO
SODIUM	2004	ppm	NS	N/A	18	34	27	"SODIUM" REFERS TO THE SALT PRESENT IN THE WATER AND IS GENERALLY NATURALLY-OCCURRING	NS
LIST OF ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS ANALYZED									
pH	2004	unit	NS		6.7	8.0	7.4	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS	NS
HARDNESS	2004	ppm	NS		199	309	237	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS	NS
HARDNESS	2004	GRAN/GAL	NS		12	18	14	RUNOFF/LEACHING FROM NATURAL DEPOSITS	NS
PARAMETER									
LEAD AND COPPER	DATE TESTED	UNITS	ACTION LEVEL	PHG (MCLG)	NUMBER OF SITES SAMPLED	HOUSEHOLD RESULTS 90% PERCENTILE	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION		ACTION LEVEL EXCEEDED?
LEAD	June 2003	ppb	15	2	32	12ppb	CORROSION OF HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING SYSTEMS		NO
COPPER	June 2003	ppm	1.3	0.17	32	0.57ppm	CORROSION OF HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING SYSTEMS		NO
PARAMETER									
UNREGULATED CHEMICALS	DATE TESTED	UNITS	ACTION LEVEL	PHG (MCLG)	GROUNDWATER RANGE OF DETECTION			TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION	ACTION LEVEL EXCEEDED?
LOV HIGH AVG.									
RADON	QUARTERLY 2002	pCi/L	NS	NS	459	828	597		NS
PERCHLORATE	2004	ppb	8**	6	ND	5	0.12	MANUFACTURING USE OF LUBRICATING OILS, FABRICS, DYES, RUBBER, PAINTS, FIREWORKS, AND CERTAIN FERTILIZERS	NO
CHROMIUM VI	2002	ppb	NS	NS	ND	4.0	1.8		NS
VANADIUM	2003	ppb	50	NS	ND	6.0	1.0		NO
BORON	2003	ppb	1,000	NS	ND	100	32		NO

EPA Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) Violation: The City of Morgan Hill was in violation in 2003 for failure to fulfill the Federal EPA UCMR sampling requirements. This violation was not related to any water quality issues. These samples are investigative samples to see if there is a need to set up guidelines for future sampling. The City worked with the EPA and took the required samples from the City's sources of water for the 12 chemical constituents twice during the calendar year of 2004 and all 12 chemical constituents were non-detected. Performing these samples in 2004 brought the City into compliance with Federal EPA UCMR compliance regulations.

**As of January 2005, the "Action Level" will be known as the "Notification Level" for unregulated chemicals. For further information on the name change, refer to Department of Health Services (DHS) website: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/chemicals/AL/notificationlevels.htm.

Additional information about the content of this report (and additional copies) can be obtained by calling the Public Works Department at (408) 776-7333.

The City's Perchlorate Challenge

Perchlorate contamination of drinking water supplies in the South Valley, including water supplied by the City of Morgan Hill, is an obvious concern of both the City government and all local residents and businesses. The City has aggressively responded to the discovery of perchlorate in the South Valley aquifer by taking the following actions:

- Closing the Tennant Avenue Well that is near the Olin Corporation site until a perchlorate treatment system could be activated. The treatment system is now in place at this well and is operational 24 hours a day;
- Testing all City wells for the presence of perchlorate on a monthly basis;
- Turning off all wells that tested above the then-existing State Action Level (now the Notification Level) using the State's mandated testing protocol;
- Installing a perchlorate removal plant at the Nordstrom Well in order to ensure an adequate supply of quality drinking water;
- Cooperating with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and State Department of Health Services on approaches to addressing perchlorate; and,
- Pursuing recovery of the City's costs associated with perchlorate contamination.



As this report is published, the State continues to work on establishing a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for perchlorate. Once the MCL is established, which is expected to occur sometime later in 2005, the City will have a firm regulatory standard to meet. In the meantime, the State's Notification Level for perchlorate is now set at 6 parts per billion. For additional information on perchlorate including test results, regulatory reports, and

the status of cleanup efforts, visit the "What's New" page on the City's web site at www.morganhill.ca.gov.

Perchlorate Surcharge Imposed

All of the actions described above have added significantly to the City's costs of operating the water system. The City was expected to spend a total of \$3.2 million by June 2007 on perchlorate-related costs. These significant costs have threatened the financial stability of the City's Water Fund. In order to address this potential shortfall, the City has adopted a series of 5% annual surcharges on water fees. The 5% surcharge is needed solely to pay for the City's perchlorate-related costs. Perchlorate surcharge revenues will be accounted for separately and spent only on perchlorate-related costs. The first 5% surcharge went into effect in 2004 with additional 5% surcharges effective January 1, of 2005, 2006, and 2007.

The need for future surcharges will be evaluated annually. Any amount determined to be in excess of the amount needed shall be credited to customers. In addition, any repayments the City receives from any source to compensate the City for perchlorate-related costs will be credited to the perchlorate account in the Water Fund and shall also be credited to customers if they are determined to be in excess of the City's perchlorate-related costs.

A Word About Chemicals and Organisms

Here's a brief description of chemicals and organisms, and how the City of Morgan Hill monitors, tests, and treats for them:

Methyl Tertiary-Butyl Ether (MTBE)

Added to gasoline either seasonally or year round in many parts of the United States to increase octane levels and reduce carbon monoxide and ozone levels in the air. In California, it has been added to gasoline since January 1996. The City of Morgan Hill tests quarterly for MTBE in its 14 wells. No MTBE has been detected.

Lead and Copper Testing

In 1991, the EPA adopted the Lead and Copper Rule which requires all cities, including Morgan Hill, to perform lead and copper testing. The City's public water system does not have detectable levels of lead and copper; however these metals may leach into the water from home plumbing.

In June of 1997 the City completed Lead and Copper testing from inside homes under the guidance of the Department of Health Services. Results showed that the Copper levels were below the Federal Action Level of 1300 parts per billion (ppb), and the Lead levels were below the Federal Action Level of 15 parts per billion (ppb).

The City is on a three-year cycle for testing of Lead and Copper determined by the primary testing performed at the first inception of the Lead and Copper Rule. The City completed its tri-annual sampling in June of 2003.

Nitrates

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 45 mg/l is a health risk for infants below the age of six months. High nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin.

High nitrate levels may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. Nitrate levels may rise quickly in short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant,

you should ask advice from your health care provider, or choose to use bottled water for mixing formula and juice for your baby. If you are pregnant, you should drink bottled water.

The City's water supply is below the MCL for nitrates. The city performs an average of 15 separate tests per week for nitrates alone to ensure a safe water supply.

Unregulated Contaminants

The City proactively monitors for unregulated contaminants. This helps the EPA and the California Department of Health Services determine where certain contaminants occur, and whether the contaminants need to be regulated.

Perchlorate

Under State of California reporting guidelines, perchlorate is considered an "unregulated contaminant," which means that there is no State-adopted "maximum contaminant level" (MCL) for this chemical at this time. The State did not adopt a MCL in January of 2004 as anticipated; instead, DHS adopted a Public Health Goal (PHG) of 6 ppb. It is anticipated that the State will adopt a MCL for perchlorate in 2005.

However, the City is taking extra precautions that exceed State legal requirements. It is currently testing all City wells monthly for any signs of

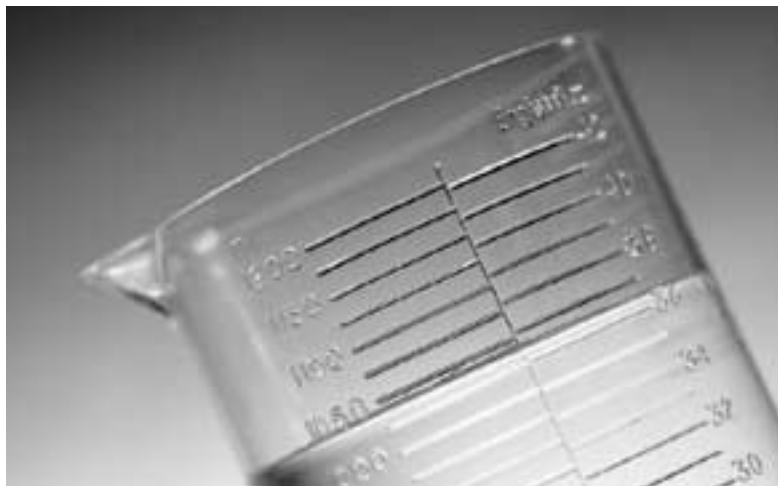
perchlorate contamination - well beyond the State testing requirement of twice in 2002.

Radon

The City tested its source waters for radon on a quarterly basis in 2002. Radon is a radioactive gas found throughout the U.S. that you can't see, taste, or smell. It can move up through ground and into a home through cracks and holes in the foundation, and can build up to high levels in all types of homes. Radon can also get into indoor air when released from tap water from showering, washing dishes, and other household activities.

Compared to Radon entering the home through the soil, radon entering the home through tap water will in most cases be a small source of radon in indoor air. Radon is a known human carcinogen. Breathing air containing radon can lead to lung cancer. Drinking water containing radon may also cause an increased risk of stomach cancer.

If you are concerned about radon in your home, test the air in your home. Testing is inexpensive and easy. Fix your home if the level of radon in your air is 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L) or higher. There are simple ways to fix a radon problem that aren't too costly. For additional information, call your State radon program, or call EPA's Radon Hotline (800-SOS-RADON).



Water Sources

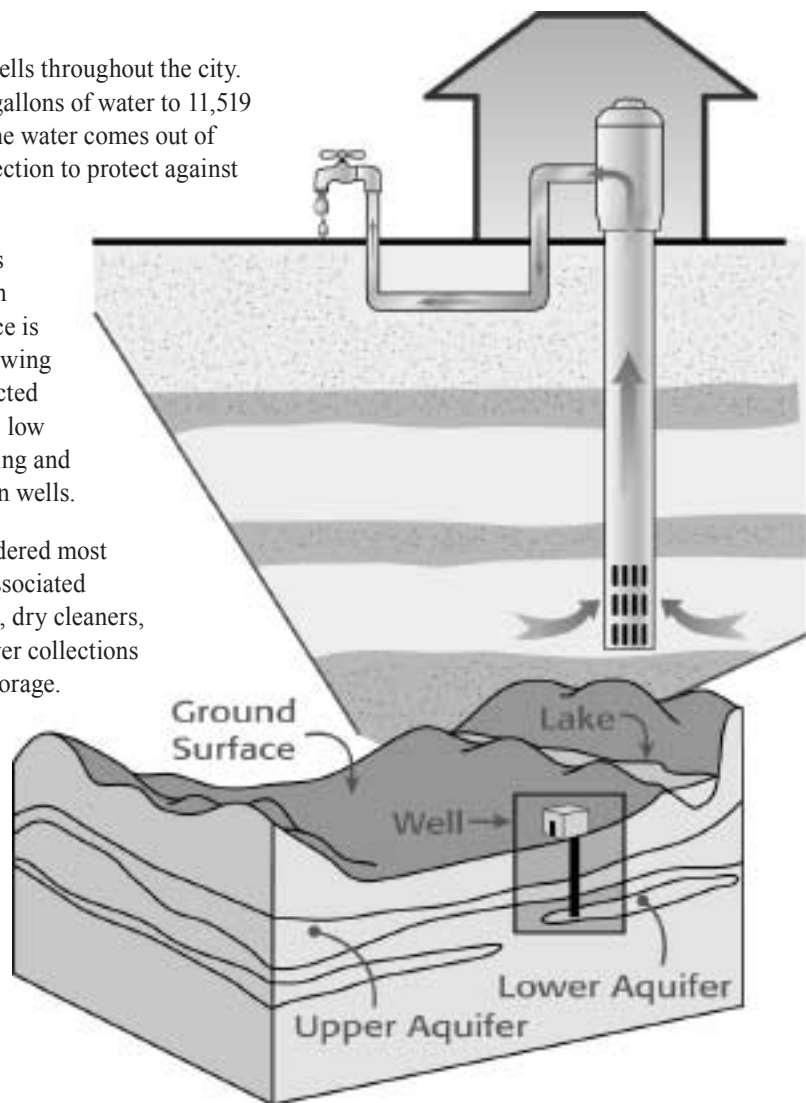
Morgan Hill is located in South Santa Clara County, situated between the Coyote and Llagas underground aquifers. These aquifers are the source of Morgan Hill's water supply.

The City currently operates 14 deep water wells throughout the city. In 2004, these wells supplied 2,641 million gallons of water to 11,519 Morgan Hill homes and businesses. After the water comes out of these wells, it is treated with chlorine disinfection to protect against microbial contaminants.

An assessment of the drinking water sources for the City of Morgan Hill was completed in September of 2002. The ground-water source is considered to be most vulnerable to the following activities associated with contaminants detected in ground water: animal feeding operations, low density septic systems, irrigated crops, grazing and animal operations, and agricultural/irrigation wells.

In addition, the groundwater source is considered most vulnerable to these activities for which no associated contaminant has been detected: gas stations, dry cleaners, animal feeding operations, repair shops, sewer collections systems and pesticide/fertilizer petroleum storage.

A copy of the complete assessment is available at the Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Field Operations Branch at 2151 Berkeley Way, Room 458, Berkeley, California, and the City of Morgan Hill Public Works Department at 100 Edes Court.



Water System Improvements

The City's water system consists of 14 production wells, 115 miles of water main, 9 pumping stations, and 11 reservoirs. This complex, interrelated system requires 24-hour monitoring and an extensive program of ongoing maintenance. Additionally, a five-year program of capital improvements is constantly updated to plan and fund new capacity and the replacement of outdated infrastructure. Recent improvements to the City's water system include:

- Accepted bid for constructing additional 1-million gallon Boys' Ranch Reservoir #3 in 2004. Began construction of reservoir in 2005.
- Drilled a new water well - Butterfield Well in 2004
- Replacement of approximately 900 LF of water main from E. Dunne Booster Station on Thomas Grade in 2005
- Completed installation of new SCADA system in 2005 (does computerized monitoring of water reservoir levels and pumping equipment operations throughout entire water supply system, thus improving efficiency and reporting)
- Accepted bid for reconstruction of Jackson Oaks Booster Station in 2004. Began construction of booster station in 2005
- Construction of 16" water main from Church Street to Del Monte Street, along Monterey Road and Cosmo Street.

Attention Gardeners

- Free Composting Workshops

Composting is nature's way of recycling your fruit, vegetable, and yard trimmings into a rich soil amendment.

Free Composting Workshops are held each month at the Mount Madonna YMCA, 17666 Crest Avenue.



Attendees of this fun and interactive workshop will discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. A free compost bin is awarded to one lucky participant at the end of each workshop.

These classes are co-sponsored by the City of Morgan Hill and the Santa Clara County Home Composting Education Program.

To register, call 918-4640. Composting Workshop dates for 2005 are as follows:

Saturday July 9th

Wednesday August 10th

Saturday September 10th

Wednesday October 12th

Saturday November 12th

Wednesday classes are from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday classes are from 10 a.m. - noon.

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 782-0008

New Classes in Karate for Kids are Available this Summer!

The American Self Defense Academy will be providing two classes for kids through head instructor Marieta Delacruz. She has been teaching karate for over eleven years and has black belts in Chinese Kempo and Okinawa Kempo.

Lil' Dragons

Lil' Dragons is a program that not only teaches blocks, punches, and kicks but also good citizenship, safety and life skills. Students will improve their focus, social skills and balance.

Days: Tuesdays Time: 4:20-5pm

Session 1: 6/7-6/28 Activity Code: 4705.201

Session 2: 7/5-7/26 Activity Code: 4705.203

Session 3: 8/2-8/23 Activity Code: 4705.205

Day: Thursdays Time: 4:20-5pm

Session 1: 6/9-6/30 Activity Code: 4705.202

Session 2: 7/7-7/28 Activity Code: 4705.204

Session 3: 8/4-8/25 Activity Code: 4705.206

Age: 4-7yrs. Location: CCC, Hiram Morgan Hill

Class Fee: 1 class per week is \$42/\$52 nonresident or 2 classes per week is \$57/\$67 nonresident.

Kempo Karate

Students will learn self defense techniques; blocks, punches, kicks, sparring, forms (katas) and weapon training. This class will get and keep you in shape by strengthening the body and mind while increasing flexibility.

Beginners Days: Tuesdays Time: 5-6pm

Session 1: 6/7-6/28 Activity Code: 4705.208

Session 2: 7/5-7/26 Activity Code: 4705.210

Session 3: 8/2-8/23 Activity Code: 4705.212

Intermediate Days: Tuesdays Time: 6:10-7:10pm

Session 1: 6/7-6/28 Activity Code: 4705.214

Session 2: 7/5-7/26 Activity Code: 4705.216

Session 3: 8/2-8/23 Activity Code: 4705.218

Beginners Day: Thursdays Time: 5-6pm

Session 1: 6/9-6/30 Activity Code: 4705.209

Session 2: 7/7-7/28 Activity Code: 4705.211

Session 3: 8/4-8/25 Activity Code: 4705.213

Intermediate Day: Thursdays Time: 6:10-7:10pm

Session 1: 6/9-6/30 Activity Code: 4705.215

Session 2: 7/7-7/28 Activity Code: 4705.217

Session 3: 8/4-8/25 Activity Code: 4705.219

Intermediate and advanced classes by instructor's approval.

Age: 8 yrs and up. Location: CCC, Children's Pavilion

Class Fee: 1 class per week is \$45/\$55 nonresident or 2 classes per week is \$60/\$70 nonresident.

Teachers needed for early childhood recreation classes for ages 4 and 5. Please call Therese at 782-0008 for details.

Cool Kids Summer Day Camp

Hey all you cool kids! Be cool and stay cool...attend the coolest summer day camp in Morgan Hill!

Come splish & splash at the Aquatics Center, enjoy the water feature and the air-conditioned Community Center, and have a great time with the coolest Recreation Leaders in town!

The Morgan Hill Recreation Division's Cool Kids Summer Half & Full Day Camps will provide lots of cool things such as:

fun indoor and outdoor games
swimming and pool adventures
relay races nature studies
arts & crafts music, singing, dancing
circus skills science projects
ceramics team building activities
Friday field trips and much more!

We offer full day camp and half day camp programs. You may sign-up for as many weeks as you wish, but you must register at least 2 weeks prior to the camp's start date.

FULL DAY CAMP: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Camp hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Extended care hours: 7:30 am - 9:00 am & 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Extended care hours are included in camp fee, but if your child is not picked up by 6:00 pm, you will be charged an extra \$5 for every 15 minutes past 6:00 pm.

Full Day Camp locations:

Mondays & Wednesdays: Community and Cultural Center (CCC), 17000 Monterey Rd.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Aquatics Center (AC), 16200 Condit Rd., (between Dunne Av. & Tennant Av.)

Fridays: Field Trips departure time will be announced in the week schedule. We will meet at Community Park or the Community and Cultural Center (CCC), 17000 Monterey Rd.

Full Day Camp Fee: \$ 229 (\$239 non-resident) per camper per week. **Age: 5-10yrs**

*Full Day Camp Fee for week 3 (4 days only) \$183 (\$193 non-resident) per camper. No discount available.

June 20-24, 2005 Field Trip: Community Park, MH

4305.209 CCC/AC 07:30am-06:00pm M-F

June 27-July 01, 2005 Field Trip: Golfland, San Jose

4305.210 CCC/AC 07:30am-06:00pm M-F

***July 05-08, 2005** Field Trip: San Francisco Zoo

4305.211 CCC/AC 07:30am-06:00pm T-F

July 11-15, 2005 Field Trip: Community Park, MH

4305.212 CCC/AC 07:30am-06:00pm M-F

July 18-22, 2005 Field Trip: Boardwalk, Santa Cruz

4305.213 CCC/AC 07:30am-06:00pm M-F

July 25-29, 2005 Field Trip: SJ Tech Museum & IMAX Theater

4305.214 CCC/AC 07:30am-06:00pm M-F

August 01-05, 2005 Field Trip: Blackberry Farm, Cuper.

4305.215 CCC/AC 07:30am-06:00pm M-F

August 08-12, 2005 Field Trip: CCC "Good Bye Show"

4305.216 CCC/AC 07:30am-06:00pm M-F

Camp fee includes: a great day of fun, an afternoon snack, field trip transportation and admission fee for field trip destination.

Bring: a towel, proper swim attire, water shoes, sunscreen, a sack lunch & water/drinks.



HALF DAY CAMP: Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
Camp hours: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Extended care hours: 7:30 am - 9:00 am & 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm. Extended care is included in camp fee, but if your child is not picked up by 12:30 pm, you will be charged an extra \$5 for every 15 minutes past 12:30 pm.

Half Day Camp locations:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: Community and Cultural Center (CCC), 17000 Monterey Rd.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Aquatics Center (AC), 16200 Condit Rd., (between Dunne Av. & Tennant Av.)

Half Day Camp Fee: \$129 (\$139 non-resident) per camper per week. **Age: 4.5-10yrs**

*Half Day Camp Fee for week 3 (4 days only) \$103 (\$113 non-resident) per camper. No discount available.

June 20-24, 2005

4305.201 CCC/AC 07:30am-12:30pm M-F

June 27-July 01, 2005

4305.202 CCC/AC 07:30am-12:30pm M-F

*July 05-July 08, 2005

4305.203 CCC/AC 07:30am-12:30pm T-F

July 11-15, 2005

4305.204 CCC/AC 07:30am-12:30pm M-F

July 18-22, 2005

4305.205 CCC/AC 07:30am-12:30pm M-F

July 25-29, 2005

4305.206 CCC/AC 07:30am-12:30pm M-F

August 01-05, 2005

4305.207 CCC/AC 07:30am-12:30pm M-F

August 08-12, 2005

4305.208 CCC/AC 07:30am-12:30pm M-F

There is an additional charge of \$50 for the field trip that includes 5 1/2 additional hours of care (12:30 to 6pm), an afternoon snack, transportation and admission fee for field trip destination. Field trips at the Community Park are free (regular half day camps hours 7:30am - 12:30pm).

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